

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 26, 2023

- Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Mr. Miller, absent; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Ashton
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 12, 2023 Council Meeting and June 19, 2023 Special Council Meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole meetings were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** None

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-64 (Planning and Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the construction of a 40-unit townhouse multi-family development for Antonio Pilla, located at Clyde Avenue and Buchholzer Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-65 (Planning and Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the construction of a 25,770 sq. ft. building for the Humane Society of Summit County, located at 752 West Portage Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-66 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts with Toro Century Equipment, a Jerry Pate Company, for the purchase of two Groundsmaster 3500-D mowers for use at Brookledge Golf Club, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-67 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Montrose Auto Group or Ganley Toyota to purchase a compact truck, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-68 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with Leopardo Energy LLC and Leopardo Companies, Inc. to implement energy efficiency improvements at the Natatorium and Fire Station 1 and savings through procurement solutions and fleet acquisition, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-69 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with the Doering Leasing Co. for the implementation of a fleet acquisition program, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-70 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts, with the Huntington National Bank for the implementation of a virtual card and p-card payment system, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-71 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with Environmental Design Group, for professional engineering services for the Boardwalk Transformation Project, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-72 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to purchase certain interests in real property from Grace Cathedral Inc. for the improvement of West Portage Trail between State Road and Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-73 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cuyahoga Falls Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-74 (Community Development)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with BVI Realty, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-75 (Community Development)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to return revolving loan funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and reutilizing the same for future economic development and public facilities and/or infrastructure improvement grants for calendar year 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. B-57

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, with a company or companies for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators through 2023 and 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-57, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-58

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for overhead line clearance services including tree maintenance, tree and brush removal services, and mowing, for a period not to exceed three years, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-58, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. B-59

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Jadco Construction Services, for emergency concrete and masonry repairs to the City-owned parking garage located at 2035 Old Town Loop, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-59, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-60

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the replacement of the flat roof on the Water Treatment Plant chemical building, located at 2228 Munroe Falls Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-60, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. B-61 (Sub. Dated 6/19/23)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant an easement on a City-Owned parcel, located at the corner of East Portage Trail and High Street, to Dominion Energy Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-61 (Sub. Dated 6/19/23), second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Community Development:

Temp. Res. B-62

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for the 2023 Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program and commit the 50% required match funds to complete a study for the restoration of Mill Pond, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ashton moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-62, second by Mr. Sieferth. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	July 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	July 3, 2023, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	July 3, 2023, at 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	July 3, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.
Community Development:	July 3, 2023, at 6:50 p.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Rebecca Garner, 1336 West Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, and Brenda Myers, 1324 West Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, addressed Council concerning the lack of access to City water and fire hydrants for residents in their area and how the Fire Station 4 changes and the construction of a burn tower without fire hydrants in the area will negatively impact the safety of neighboring residents.

Mr. Stams stated that he supports their efforts to get water to West Bath Road and he appreciates their efforts in coming forward to address Council about their concerns.

Mr. Brillhart moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Miller, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0)

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council